

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to Rules and Order of Business
2 of the King County Council and repealing King County
Ordinance No. 583 and K.C.C. 1.24.010 through 1.24.230.

3 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

4 SECTION 1. ORGANIZATION. The Council shall elect a Chairman
5 and Vice Chairman for a term of one (1) year, to begin the second
6 Monday of January, at which time the Council will reconstitute
7 itself. In the event the Vice Chairman is unable to act as Chair-
8 man, a temporary Chairman shall be appointed.

9 SECTION 2. CHAIRMAN. The Chairman shall have the general
10 direction of Council property and supervision of legislative
11 branch employees.

12 SECTION 3. MEETINGS. The time of meeting of the Council
13 shall be at 9:30 A.M. on Monday of each week, unless otherwise
14 ordered by the Council.

15 All sessions of the County Council shall be held at the County
16 seat.

17 SECTION 4. AGENDA. Business shall be disposed of in the
18 following order:

- 19 - Roll Call
- 20 - Approval of Minutes
- 21 - Emergency Ordinances
- 22 - Hearings & 2nd Reading of Ordinances
- 23 - Motions
- 24 - Reports of Standing Committees
- 25 - Memorials
- 26 - Introduction of Ordinances for First Reading
- 27 - Other Business

28 SECTION 5. QUORUM. Five members shall constitute a quorum
29 of the County Council. Unless otherwise specified by the Charter,
30 a vote of the majority of those present will be necessary for the
31 conduct of Council business. Five members shall be authorized to
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1 call the Council upon due notice of the meeting to all members of
2 the Council.

3 SECTION 6. VOTING. There shall be no voting by proxy on any
4 question before the Council.

5 Every member within the chambers of the Council when the
6 question is put shall give his vote, unless the Council for spe-
7 cial reasons shall excuse him. All motions to excuse a member
8 from voting shall be made before the call of Yeas and Noes is
9 commenced and any member requesting to be excused from voting may
10 make a brief and verbal statement of the reasons for making such
11 request, and the question shall then be taken without further de-
12 bate.

13 Questions shall be directly put in this form, to wit: "All
14 those in favor of (as the question may be) say 'Aye'", and after
15 the affirmative is expressed, "Those opposed say 'No'". If re-
16 quested by any member, the individual votes shall be recorded.
17 All votes by the Council shall be deemed unanimous unless recorded
18 otherwise in the minutes.

19 SECTION 7. LEGAL SIGNATURES. All official documents issued
20 by order of the Council shall be under the hand of the Chairman
21 or in his absence the acting Chairman and attested by the Adminis-
22 trator-Clerk, except as otherwise provided by the Charter.

23 SECTION 8. INITIAL PROCESSING - ORDINANCES AND MOTIONS.
24 Ordinances and motions shall be drafted in conformance with draft-
25 ing guidelines prepared by the Office of the Administrator-Clerk.

26 Proposed ordinances or motions must be filed with the Ad-
27 ministrator-Clerk of the Council and introduced by a Council
28 member.

29 SECTION 9. INTRODUCTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES. The first
30 reading of a proposed ordinance shall be by title only, unless
31 three members demand reading in full. After the first reading,
32 proposed ordinances shall be referred to committee. Upon being
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1 reported back by the Committee, all proposed ordinances shall be
2 placed upon the calendar for public hearing and second reading.

3 SECTION 10. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND READING. At least
4 seven (7) days after the introduction of a proposed ordinance, ex-
5 cept an emergency ordinance, the County Council shall hold a public
6 hearing after due notice, to consider the proposed ordinance.

7 SECTION 11. DUE NOTICE. Due notice shall set forth the
8 title of the proposed ordinance, and the date, hour and place of
9 hearing. Due notice shall be accomplished by posting notice out-
10 side the Council Chambers, and by such other means as may now or
11 hereafter be required by law.

12 SECTION 12. LEGAL NOTICE - POLICE AND SANITARY REGULATIONS.
13 No ordinance which establishes a police or sanitary regulation
14 shall be passed unless before its adoption a public hearing has
15 been held thereon by the Council of which at least ten (10) days'
16 notice has been given. The notice shall be published in the news-
17 paper in which legal notices of the County are given. The notice
18 shall set out a copy of the proposed regulation; or if a code is
19 adopted by reference the notice shall set forth the full official
20 title and a statement describing the general purposes of such code.
21 Such notice shall also be posted in conformance with Section 11
22 herein.

23 SECTION 13. PASSAGE of ORDINANCES AND MOTIONS. Five affirm-
24 ative votes shall be required to adopt an ordinance. Seven af-
25 firmative votes shall be required to enact an emergency ordinance.
26 An emergency ordinance shall not be subject to veto by the County
27 Executive except an appropriation ordinance.

28 A majority vote of the members present at a regular Council
29 meeting shall be required to approve a motion.

30 SECTION 14. EXECUTIVE VETO. A copy of the veto message of
31 the Executive accompanying any proposed ordinance passed by the
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1 Council, together with the proposed ordinance vetoed, shall be
2 distributed to each Council member. Such veto shall be placed on
3 the agenda of the next regular Council meeting. It shall then be
4 in order to proceed to the reconsideration of the proposed ordi-
5 nance, refer it, lay it on the table, or postpone its considera-
6 tion to a day certain. In the case of an appropriation ordinance
7 containing several sections or items, one or more of which have
8 been objected to by the Executive, each section or item so object-
9 ed to shall be voted upon separately by the Council. Action by
10 the Council upon all vetoed ordinances shall be endorsed upon the
11 proposed ordinance and certified by the Chairman. Six affirmative
12 votes shall be required to over-ride an Executive veto.

13 SECTION 15. LAPSE AND REINTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES. Proposed
14 ordinances and motions which have been introduced but not acted
15 upon before the Council reconstitutes itself on the second Monday
16 of January shall be deemed to have lapsed, except that any such
17 ordinance or motion may be reintroduced by any Council member,
18 within the following 30 days. Such ordinance or motion shall bear
19 the same number assigned to it as when originally introduced.

20 SECTION 16. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE. The Council may go into
21 Committee of the Whole at any time.

22 SECTION 17. STANDING COMMITTEES. The Chairman of the Council
23 shall appoint the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the membership of
24 the standing committees, with consent of a majority of the Council
25 members.

26 The standing committees are hereby established as follows:

27 1) Citizens' Health and Safety - Five members -

28 Function: to consider and make recommendations on all matters
29 relating to health, welfare, police and fire protection, air
30 and water pollution, and civil defense, and on all matters con-
31 cerning building permits, building codes, and other technical
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1 codes and regulations.

2 2) Environmental Planning - Five members -

3 Function: to consider and make recommendations on all matters
4 pertaining to comprehensive plans, urban renewal, and zoning
5 within the county, on matters pertaining to County parks and other
6 recreational facilities and programs, and public open space and re-
7 lated public community service.

8 3) Finance - Five members -

9 Function: to consider and make recommendations on all matters
10 and legislation of a financial nature, including appropriations,
11 expenditures and salaries; and on all matters relating to the
12 levying of taxes; to investigate and report on all financial claims
13 filed against the County; to examine requests for changes in as-
14 sessments and taxes.

15 4) Inter-Governmental Relations - Five members -

16 Function: to consider and make recommendations on all matters of
17 joint interest between the County and Federal Government, State
18 of Washington, cities and municipalities within the County, other
19 counties, and other governmental agencies.

20 5) Operations and Judiciary - Five members -

21 Function: to consider and make recommendations on matters re-
22 lating to salaries, wages, and working conditions of County
23 employees; to investigate and report upon the efficiency of
24 all county departments and the operations development thereof;
25 to oversee and receive reports from the Office of Citizens'
26 Complaints and the County Auditor; to consider and make recom-
27 mendations on all matters relating to county records and elections
28 to consider and make recommendations relating to amendment of the
29 County Charter.

30 6) Public Works and Transportation - Five members -

31 Function: to consider and make recommendations on all matters
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1 pertaining to the construction and maintenance of the County road
2 system and other transportation facilities, and on all matters
3 pertaining to other County construction, solid waste, public
4 works, and utilities.

5 SECTION 18. STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS. The date and time
6 of standing committee meetings shall be determined by the Chair-
7 man of such committee. At least one (1) day prior to the meeting,
8 an agenda shall be posted outside the Council Chambers and shall
9 include the time and place of all committee meetings.

10 Any member of the Council present at a meeting of any stand-
11 ing committee, though not a member thereof, shall be entitled to
12 participate in the deliberations of such committee, but shall not
13 be entitled to vote therein.

14 SECTION 19. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS. A majority
15 recommendation of the committee must be signed by a majority of
16 the entire membership of the committee, in a regularly called
17 meeting, before a proposed ordinance or motion may be reported
18 out. A majority recommendation of the committee may be "do pass",
19 "do pass as amended", "the attached substitute ordinance be do
20 pass". "do not pass", "no recommendation", "postpone indefinitely"
21 or "withdraw". Minority reports may also be submitted.

1 SECTION 20. REPEALER. King County Ordinance 583 is hereby
2 repealed.

3 INTRODUCED AND READ for the first time this 2/57 day of

4 August, 19 72.

5 PASSED this 28th day of August, 19 72.

7 KING COUNTY COUNCIL
8 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

9 Thomas J. Quinn
10 Chairman

11 ATTEST:

12 Lee Kraft
13 Council Administrator-Clerk

14 DEEMED ENACTED WITHOUT
15 COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S SIGNATURE.

16 APPROVED this _____ day of DATED: Sept 8, 19 72.

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18 King County Executive